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# STRAIGHT ARROW

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN SETTLERS SHUDDERED AT THE SIGHT OF THE FULL MOON. "COMANCHE MOON," THEY CALLED IT... FOR ON THOSE NIGHTS, THE COMANCHES CAME GALLOPING WITH HATE IN THEIR HEARTS AND WAR-AXES IN THEIR HANDS...

BUT NOW THE COMANCHES HAVE SIGNED A TREATY WITH THE WHITE MEN, AND LIVE IN HONORABLE PEACE...

ONE MAN—THUNDER CLOUD—YEARNS TO REVIVE THE BLOODY TRADITION OF THE COMANCHE MOON. AND THUNDER CLOUD IS A POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH—FOR HE HAS PROOF THAT HE IS —

**"THE MAN  
WHO KILLED  
STRAIGHT  
ARROW!"**

*Area Meagher*

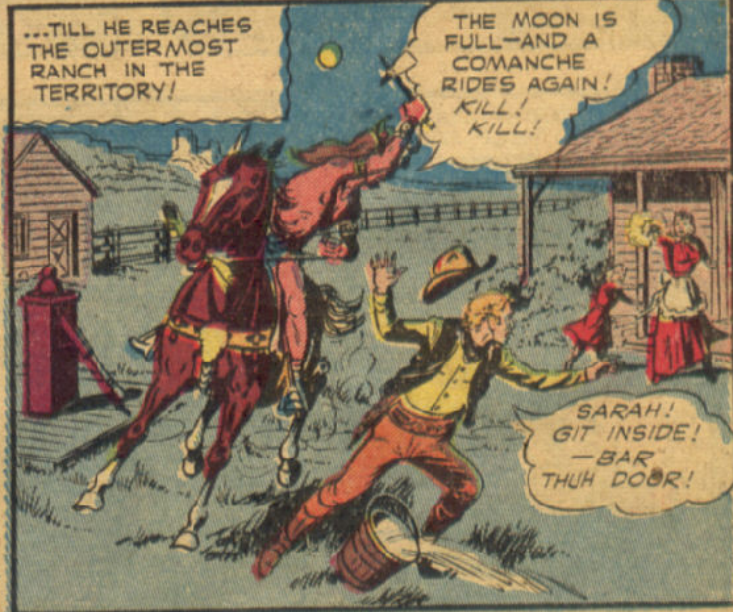


THE FULL MOON SHINES IN THE WESTERN SKY. ON THE RANCHES, YOUNG FOLKS WALK HAND-IN-HAND... ON THE PRAIRIE, A LONE COMANCHE, TAUT WITH HATRED, GALLOPS FURIOUSLY...

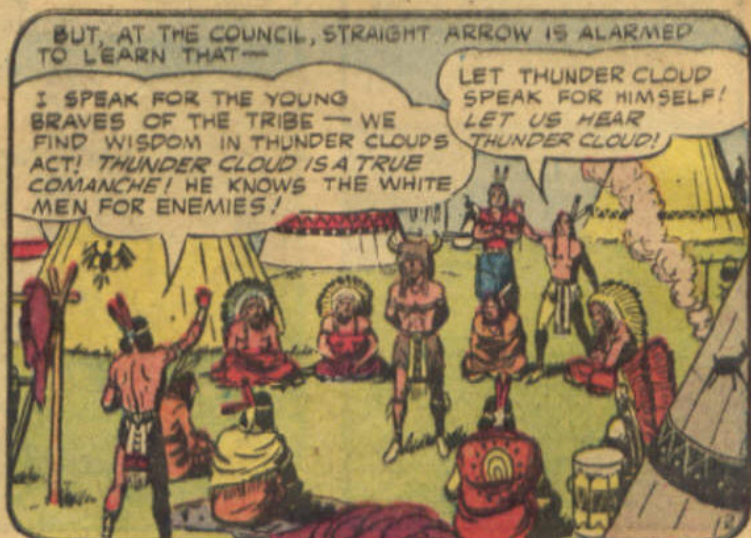
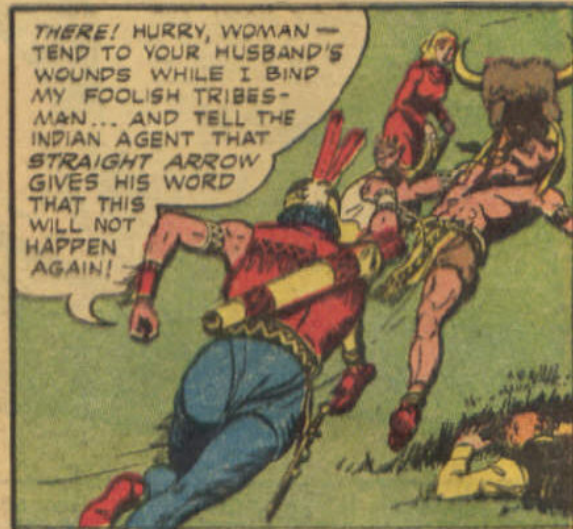
...TILL HE REACHES THE OUTERMOST RANCH IN THE TERRITORY!

THE MOON IS FULL—AND A COMANCHE RIDES AGAIN!  
KILL!  
KILL!

SARAH!  
GIT INSIDE!  
—BAR  
THUH DOOR!





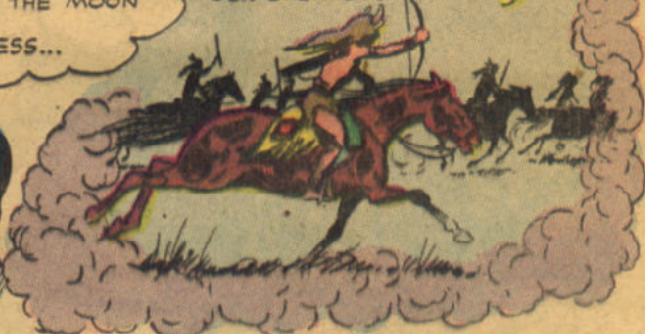




THE CHIEF NODS CURTLY,  
AND THUNDER CLOUD'S  
THONGS ARE  
LOOSE—

ARE WE RABBITS TO BE  
CHASED FROM THE LAND  
THAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS?  
ARE WE SHEEP TO BE  
PENNED INSIDE BARE  
PASTURES? I TELL YOU—  
**NO!** WE ARE COMANCHES!  
AND WHEN THE MOON  
RISES IN  
ITS FULLNESS...

...IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY  
TO RIDE FORTH AS OUR  
FATHERS RODE—UNDER THE  
COMANCHE MOON—TO SLAY  
OUR ENEMIES!



THUNDER  
CLOUD IS  
RIGHT!

TOO LONG  
HAVE WE  
LIVED LIKE  
RABBITS!

THE  
COMANCHE  
MOON!  
THE  
COMANCHE  
MOON!



SILENCE! WE ARE NOT  
COYOTES TO HOWL HEED-  
LESSLY WHEN ONLY CALM  
AND COOL WORDS CAN  
LEAD US TO  
WISDOM!  
SILENCE—  
I SAY!

CHIEF, MAY I  
ADDRESS  
THE  
COUNCIL?



THE WHITE MAN IS HERE TO  
STAY...AND TO LIVE IN PEACE  
WITH HIM IS THE PATH OF  
WISDOM. WE HAVE SIGNED  
THE PAPER, GIVING OUR WORD.  
LET IT NOT BE SAID THAT  
COMANCHES  
ARE WITHOUT  
HONOR...

LET THERE  
BE A  
VOTE!



AFTER  
THE  
VOTE—

THE COUNT WAS CLOSE...BUT THE  
COUNCIL HAS DECIDED! THE COMANCHE  
MOON SHALL **NOT** STAND FOR BLOOD—  
LETTING BUT FOR PEACE AND  
HONOR...THUNDER CLOUD  
SHALL BE BANISHED! AND  
SUCH WILL BE THE FATE OF  
ANY COMANCHE WHO  
TRANSGRESSES AS  
HE DID!

THE DECISION  
WAS A WISE ONE,  
GREAT CHIEF.

I GO NOW—BUT I  
SWEAR BY THE SPIRITS  
OF ALL MY FORE-  
FATHERS... THE COMANCHE  
MOON WILL BE RED WITH  
BLOOD ONCE MORE, AND  
STRAIGHT ARROW SHALL  
DIE!





WEEKS LATER... AND STRAIGHT ARROW, HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS, PURSUING A LION THAT HAS BEEN PREYING ON THE COMANCHE HERDS. WHAT HE DOES NOT KNOW—IS THAT SOMEONE IS PURSUING HIM!

THE TRAIL IS FRESH!

HE HAS EYES AND EARS ONLY FOR THE LION HE IS TRACKING! SOON NOW... STRAIGHT ARROW SHALL DIE!

SUDDENLY...

THE WIND SHIFTED—AND HE SCENTED ME! I MUST SHOOT FAST!

HA! THE LION IS DOING MY WORK FOR ME....!

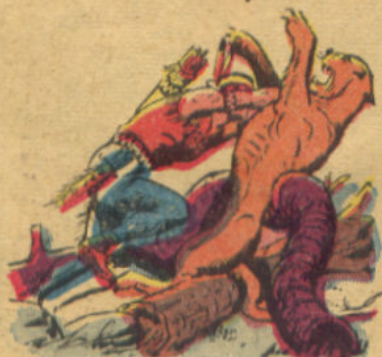


CALLING ON HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, STRAIGHT ARROW FORCES THE LION DOWN OVER THE LOG—

THERE! NOW TO BEAR DOWN AS HARD AS I CAN!

AND THE LION'S SPINE SNAPS!

HE'S DEAD! NOW TO—THAT SHADOW!—SOMEONE IS BEHIND ME!





THE NEXT DAY, BACK  
AT THE COMANCHE  
ENCAMPMENT.

THUNDER CLOUD STOP  
WHERE YOU ARE—YOU  
WERE BANISHED!

YOU CANNOT BANISH YOUR  
GREATEST WARRIOR! I HAVE  
JUST KILLED STRAIGHT ARROW  
IN FAIR COMBAT! HERE—  
HIS BUCKSKIN JACKET, HIS  
QUIVER, AND GOLD-TIPPED  
ARROWS—THEY PROVE—  
WHAT I SAY!

AIEEE—  
STRAIGHT  
ARROW  
WAS A GOOD  
MAN.

BUT THUNDER CLOUD IS  
A BETTER ONE! LEAD US,  
THUNDER CLOUD, WHEN THE  
MOON IS FULL AGAIN,  
AGAINST THE WHITE MAN  
WHO STOLE OUR LAND!



LATER...

THEN IT IS  
SETTLED! ONE  
WEEK FROM TONIGHT—  
WHEN THE MOON IS FULL—  
WE RIDE OUT IN WAR  
PAINT AGAINST THE  
WAGON TRAIN BEARING  
SUPPLIES TO FORT  
DANGER!



THE NIGHT OF THE RAID!

I LIED TO THE OTHERS...  
YOU ARE STILL ALIVE—IF  
ONLY BARELY SO. NOW I  
WILL BIND YOU TO THE  
TREE SO YOU CAN WATCH  
THE END OF YOUR ERA OF  
PEACE IN THE VALLEY...  
AND AT DAWN I SHALL RETURN  
TO KILL YOU WITH ONE OF  
YOUR OWN GOLDEN  
ARROWS!



YOU KEEP SAGGING LIKE AN  
EMPTY BUFFALO HIDE.  
STAND STRAIGHT—  
OR I WILL KILL  
YOU NOW!

CAN'T...  
LOST  
SO MUCH...  
BLOOD...CAN'T...

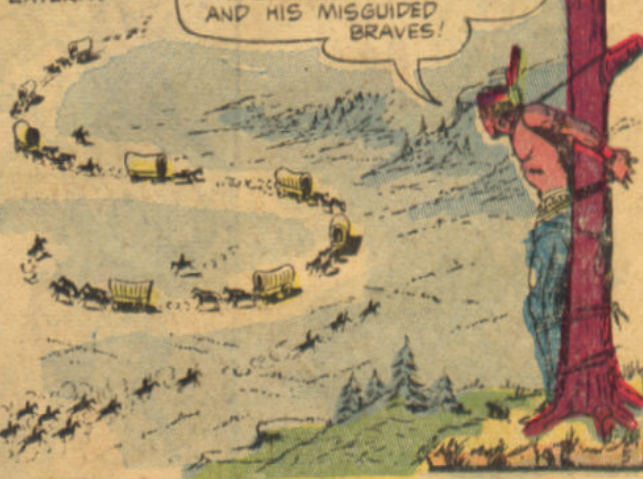


NOW DOWN THE PATH TO MEET  
THE YOUNG BRAVES WHO EAGERLY  
AWAIT ME—THEIR LEADER!...  
NO NEED TO WORRY  
ABOUT STRAIGHT ARROW'S  
THINGS—HE IS TOO  
WEAK TO LIFT HIS  
SMALLEST FINGER...



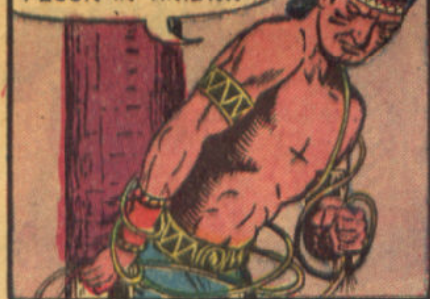
A SHORT  
TIME  
LATER...

THE WAGON TRAIN! AND  
THERE GOES THUNDER CLOUD  
AND HIS MISGUIDED  
BRAVES!



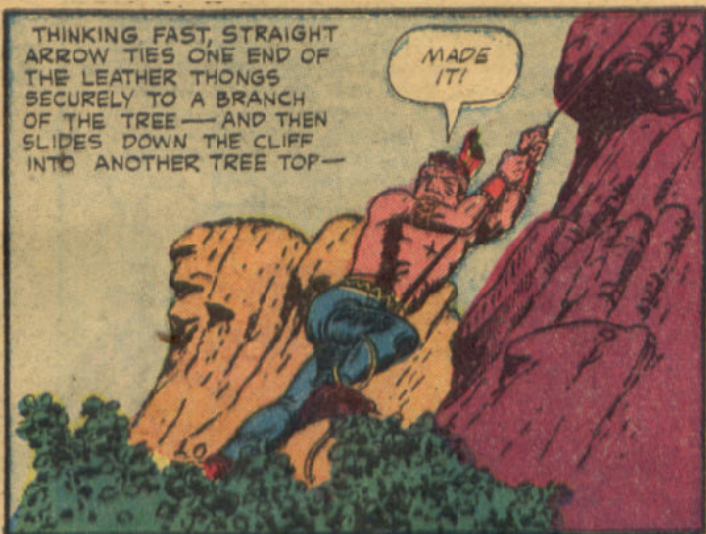


I FEIGNED WEAKNESS... KEPT SLUMPING FORWARD SO THUNDER CLOUD COULD NOT BIND ME SECURELY... THERE—I'M OUT!... BUT HOW CAN I HELP THE WAGON TRAIN? IF I TAKE THE FOOTPATH I'LL NEVER REACH THE VALLEY-FLOOR IN TIME....



THINKING FAST, STRAIGHT ARROW TIES ONE END OF THE LEATHER THONGS SECURELY TO A BRANCH OF THE TREE—AND THEN SLIDES DOWN THE CLIFF INTO ANOTHER TREE TOP—

MADE IT!



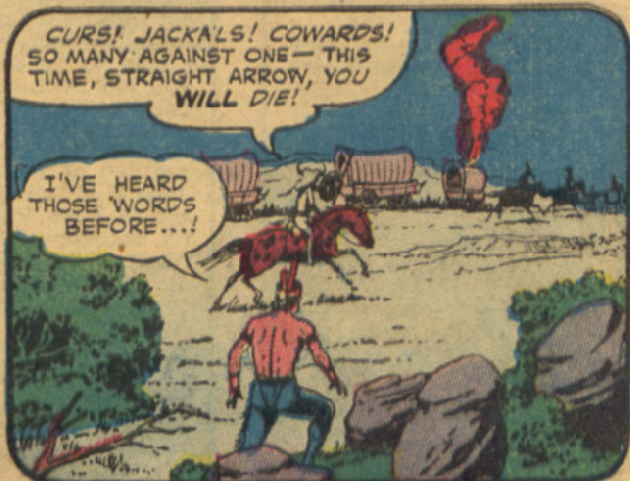
STOP! TURN YOUR HORSES AND RIDE BACK TO THE ENCAMPMENT!

STRAIGHT ARROW—COME BACK FROM THE DEAD?



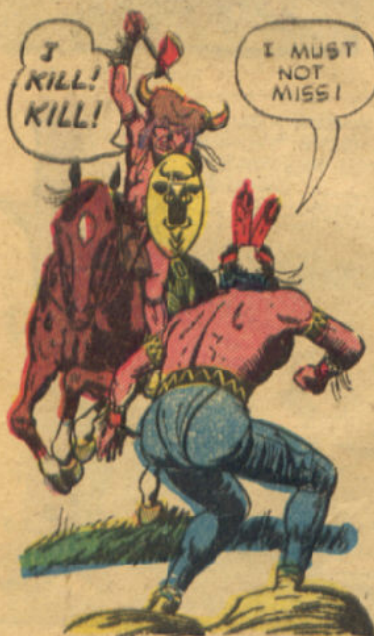
CURS! JACKALS! COWARDS! SO MANY AGAINST ONE—THIS TIME, STRAIGHT ARROW, YOU WILL DIE!

I'VE HEARD THOSE WORDS BEFORE....!



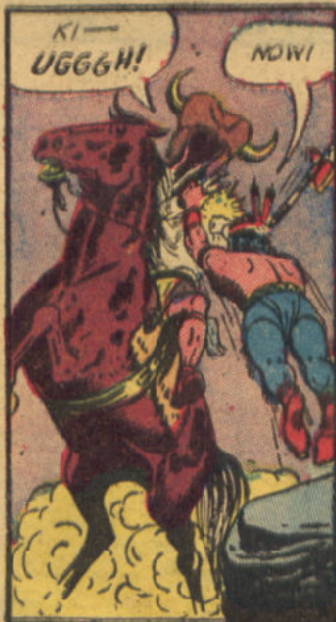
I KILL! KILL!

I MUST NOT MISS!



KI— UGGGHH!

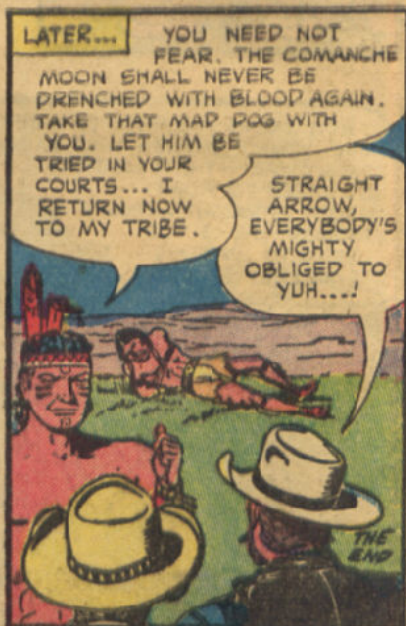
NOW!



LATER....

YOU NEED NOT FEAR. THE COMANCHE MOON SHALL NEVER BE DRENCHED WITH BLOOD AGAIN. TAKE THAT MAD DOG WITH YOU. LET HIM BE TRIED IN YOUR COURTS... I RETURN NOW TO MY TRIBE.

STRAIGHT ARROW, EVERYBODY'S MIGHTY OBLIGED TO YUH....!





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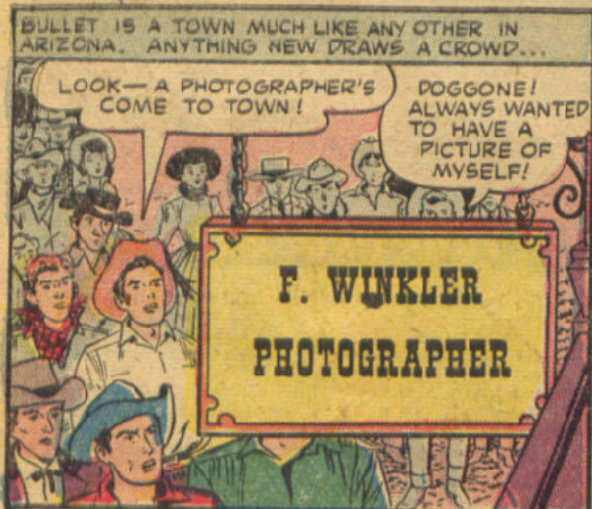
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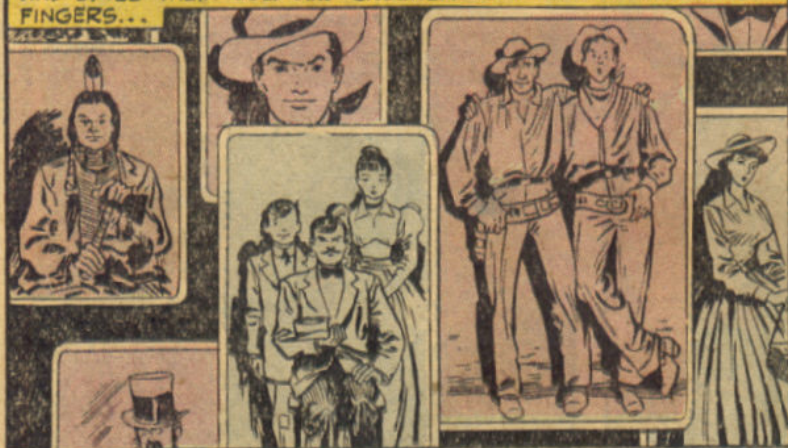
FRED WINKLER CAME TO THE WEST TO RECORD THE FACES OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE BEAUTY OF ITS RUGGED MOUNTAINS AND CANYONS. BUT HIS CAMERA DISCOVERED THAT RUSTLERS WERE RAIDING IN THE RIPS AW COUNTRY—AND DEPUTY SHERIFF **TIM HOLT** AND HIS FLAMING SIXGUNS WERE THROWN INTO THE GRIM STRUGGLE OF —

**CRIME ON FILM!**



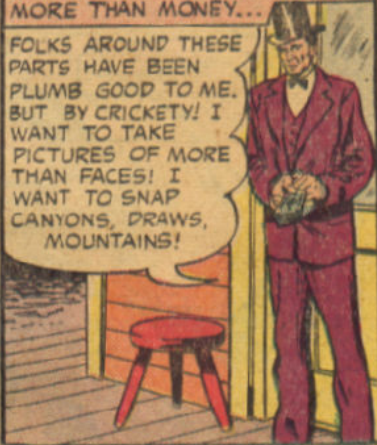


BY TWOS AND THREES THEY COME TO SIT FOR THEIR PORTRAITS AND SPILL THEIR GOLD AND GREENBACKS INTO FRED WINKLER'S FINGERS...

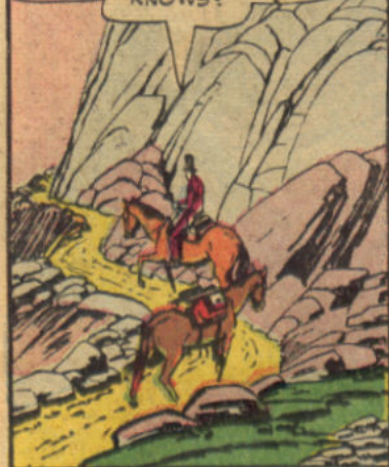


FRED WINKLER IS A HAPPY MAN, BUT HIS ARTISTIC SIDE WANTS MORE THAN MONEY...

FOLKS AROUND THESE PARTS HAVE BEEN PLUMB GOOD TO ME. BUT BY CRICKETY! I WANT TO TAKE PICTURES OF MORE THAN FACES! I WANT TO SNAP CANYONS, DRAWS, MOUNTAINS!



YES, BY CRICKETY! I'LL PUT THOSE CANYONS AND THE SNOWTOPPED MOUNTAINS ON FILM! PERHAPS SOME DAY THEY MAY BE ON DISPLAY IN SOME MUSEUM — WHO KNOWS?



AND SO, FRED WINKLER SETS UP HIS TRIPOD AND CAMERA. HE EXPOSES PLATE AFTER PLATE TO THE ARIZONA SUNLIGHT...



FOR THREE WEEKS HE SNAPS HIS PICTURES. AND THEN, ONE AFTER NOON —

BY CRICKETY! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

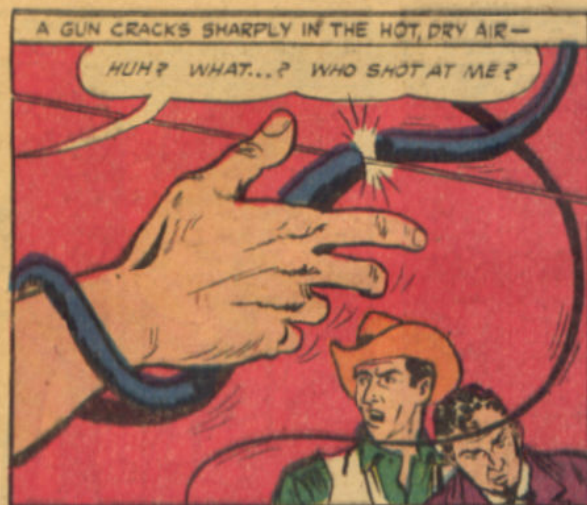
LET'S GET TO WORK ON HIM, JEB!



STAND HIM UP AND TURN HIM LOOSE! I AIN'T HORSE-WHIPPED A MAN IN A LONG TIME. I WANT TO SEE IF I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW!









I DON'T KNOW WHY! I WAS JUST TAKING PICTURES OF THE LANDSCAPE. WHEN I GET BACK TO THE STUDIO, I'LL SEE IF ANY OF MY PLATES ARE UNBROKEN



LATER, IN TOWN—

THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THEY DIDN'T SMASH! DO YOU SEE ANYTHING ON IT THAT MIGHT MAKE THEM ATTACK ME?

NO! IT'S JUST A PICTURE OF NEEDLE BLUFFS. ONLY THING THAT STRIKES ME IS THAT BIG ROCK THERE. I DON'T RECALL ANY ROCK LIKE THAT AROUND NEEDLE BLUFFS!



BUT THAT NIGHT, A HIGHLY EXCITED PHOTOGRAPHER CROWDS PAST TIM INTO THE T-BAR-H LIVING ROOM...

BY CRICKETY, HOLT—I HAD TO SEE YOU! I ENLARGED THAT PICTURE I SHOWED YOU TODAY. WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A BIG ROCK—IS A CLOUD OF DUST!

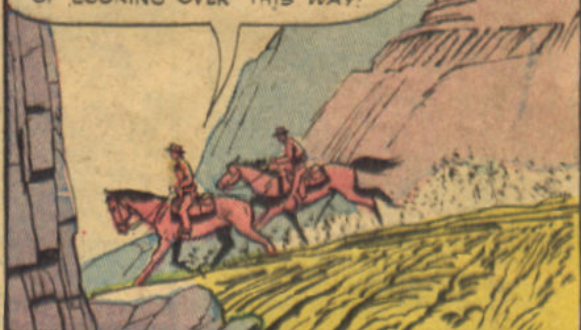


CLOUD OF DUST, EH? MAYBE A HERD OF CATTLE MADE THAT CLOUD! RUSTLER'S CATTLE! WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND THE RUSTLERS WHO HAVE BEEN PREYING ON OUR HERDS AROUND BULLET. MAYBE YOUR CAMERA FOUND THEM FOR US!



NEXT DAY, TIM AND CHITO RIDE OUT TO NEEDLE BLUFFS...

LOOK, CHITO! A NARROW OPENING INTO A BOX CANYON. I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE THESE RUSTLERS ARE HIDING OUR CATTLE. NEVER THOUGHT OF LOOKING OVER THIS WAY!



SUDDENLY, A PAIR OF RIFLES OPEN FIRE FROM ABOVE...

LOOKOUTS POSTED ABOVE! AND THEY'VE SEEN US!

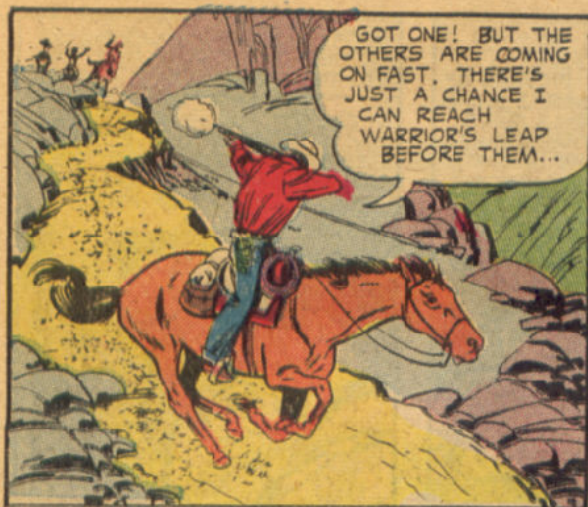
AY DI MI! THEY SHOOTING AT US, TOO!



THREE OF 'EM COMING OUT AFTER US! WE'LL SPLIT UP! I'LL LEAD THEM AFTER ME! YOU NIGHTAIL IT TO THE RANCH FOR THE BOYS!







GOT ONE! BUT THE OTHERS ARE COMING ON FAST. THERE'S JUST A CHANCE I CAN REACH WARRIOR'S LEAP BEFORE THEM...



WARRIOR'S LEAP—A SHEER PRECIPICE FIVE HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE RAGING TORRENT OF DEVIL'S RAPIDS.



TIM HURLS HIMSELF AT HIS PURSUERS—KNOCKING THEM FROM THEIR SADDLES, AND PITCHING OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF—FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE!

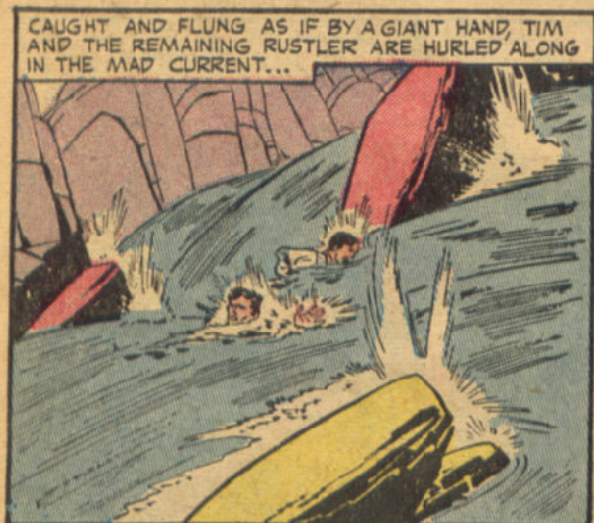


THEY LAND WITH A SPLASH IN THE COLD WATERS OF THE RAPIDS, AND GO DOWN LIKE STONES!



ONE MAN IS SWEEP BY THE CURRENT AGAINST A JAGGED ROCK!

GNNGGG!



CAUGHT AND FLUNG AS IF BY A GIANT HAND, TIM AND THE REMAINING RUSTLER ARE HURLED ALONG IN THE MAD CURRENT...



MINUTES LATER, ONE FIGURE RISES UP FROM THE CRAZY WATERS, WET AND BEDRAGGLED—BUT ALIVE!

HUH! I'M NOT WET ENOUGH—NOW IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!



AN HOUR LATER, ALONG THE TRAIL TO NEEDLE BLUFFS...

AY DI MI! DID RAIN GETTING YOU THAT WET?

NO! I FELL INTO THE RAPIDS. BUT NEVER MIND THAT. LET'S RIDE TO NEEDLE BLUFFS!

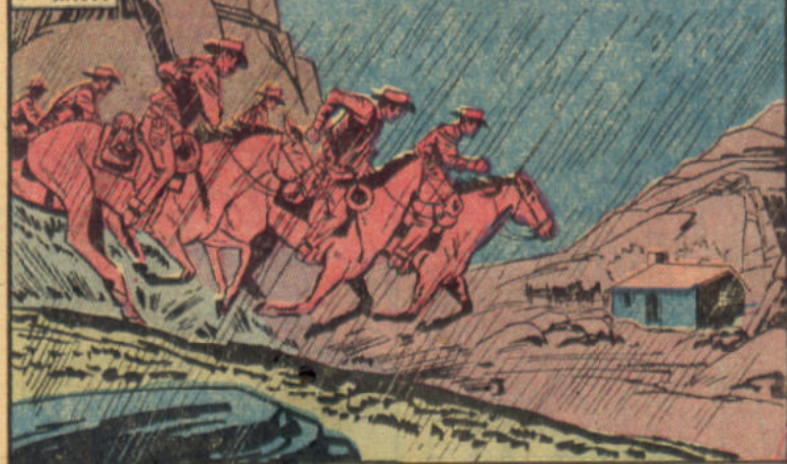


AT THE GALLOP, TIM LEADS HIS RANCH HANDS INTO THE NARROW OPENING OF THE BOX CANYON WHERE THE RUSTLERS HIDE OUT.

I GOT THEIR LOOKOUT! THE OTHERS WILL BE INSIDE THEIR CABIN, STAYING OUT OF THIS DOWNPOUR!



FANNING OUT, THE T-BAR-H HANDS RACE TOWARD THE OUTLAW'S CABIN...



THE FIGHTING IS SHORT AND BITTER. DAVE SANDERS, T-BAR-H HORSE WRANGLER, COVERS THE DOOR—



LUKE TRENT AND JIM FANNON COVER THE WINDOWS WITH RIFLE FIRE, WHILE COOKIE WORKS A COLT REVOLVER...

BY GOLLIES! THEY'RE DROPPING LIKE FLIES!

WE'LL MAKE RUSTLING PLUMB UNPOPULAR AROUND HERE!



BUT ONE MAN—HIDDEN IN THE TORRENTIAL RAIN—SLIPS FROM THE CABIN...

HOLT FOUND US 'CAUSE THAT PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK PICTURES OF US DRIVIN' OUR CATTLE INTO THIS CANYON! HOLT GOT MY GANG—BUT I'M GOIN' TO GET THAT PHOTOGRAPHER



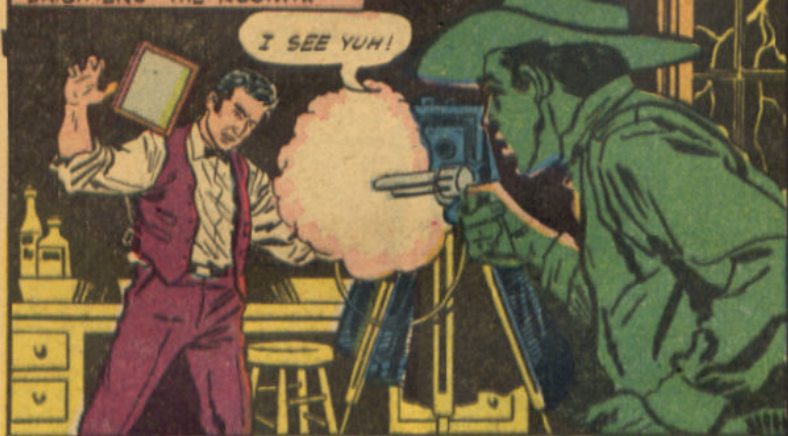
AN HOUR AFTERWARD, IN THE TOWN OF BULLET...

THAT RAIN WASHED OUT MY HORSE'S TRACKS! HOLT WON'T KNOW WHERE I'VE COME UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE 'YO SAVE THAT PHOTOGRAPHER! I'M GOING IN AND GET HIM!





FOR LONG MINUTES, THE OUTLAW KILLER STANDS MOTIONLESS IN THE DARK STUDIO. THEN, AS A BOLT OF JAGGED LIGHTNING BRIGHTENS THE ROOM...



LET HOLT TRY AND SOLVE THAT MURDER! I'LL HIT OUT TO THE RANCH—AND NOBODY'LL EVER PROVE A THING AGAINST ME!

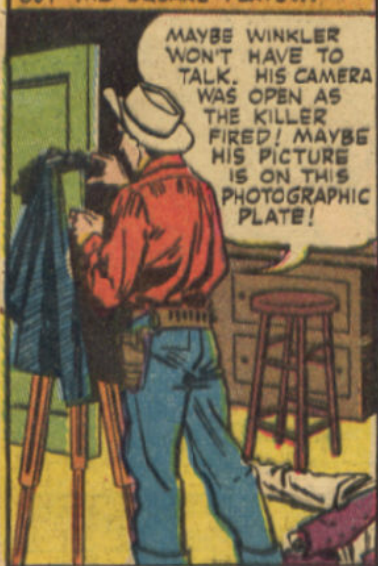


IT IS SOME HOURS LATER WHEN TIM DROPS IN TO SEE HIS FRIEND—

HE POINTED TO HIS CAMERA—THEN FAINTED! HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. HE MIGHT GO INTO A COMA AND NOT BE ABLE TO TELL ME WHO SHOT HIM!



TIM LIFTS THE BLACK CLOTH BEHIND THE CAMERA, LIFTING OUT THE SQUARE PLATE...



LATER, AT A LITTLE STAGECOCH STATION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIPSAWS...

I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF FRED WINKLER, HOMBRE!

YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU GOT NO PROOF!



LOOK AT THAT! IT WAS TOO DARK FOR WINKLER TO RECOGNIZE YOU, EVEN WHEN THAT LIGHTNING STRUCK! BUT IT WASN'T TOO DARK FOR THE CAMERA TO SEE YOU, AND CATCH YOU IN THE ACT ON FILM!



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# GHOST RIDER

IT STARTED TAMELY WITH ALL HIS FRIENDS IN SHADY GULCH GIVING REX FURY THE COLD SHOULDER... BUT IT ENDED IN A BLAZING INFERNO WITH THE GHOST RIDER TRAPPED BEHIND BARS AS THE FLAMES HISSED HIGHER AND HIGHER IN—

"The Fiery PRISON!"



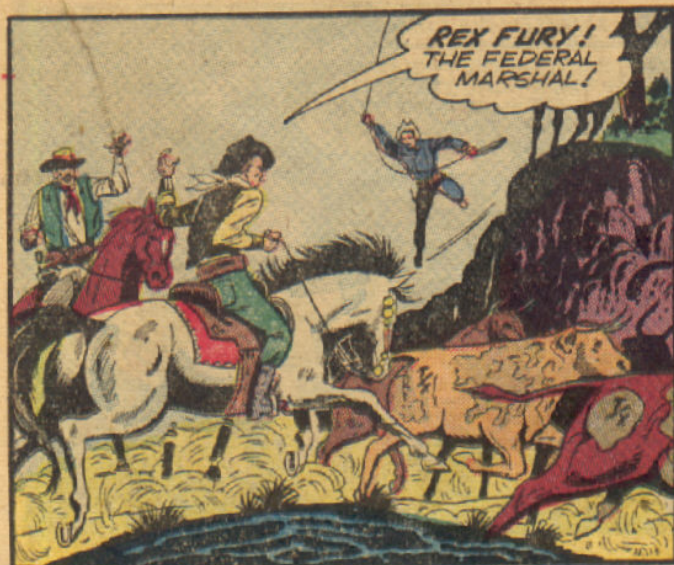
THE WESTERN SUN STARES UNBLINKINGLY DOWN AT SOME RUSTLERS AT WORK...



THIS SHORT-CUT WORKED OUT FINE... NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TIE MY LARIAT TO THIS TREE, SWING DOWN— AND THOSE RUSTLERS WILL HAVE THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES...

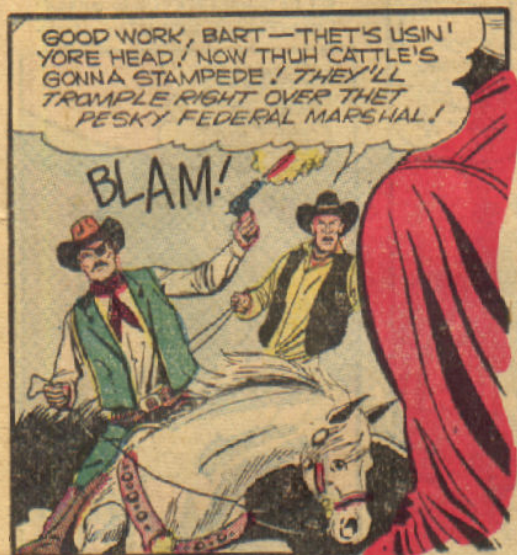
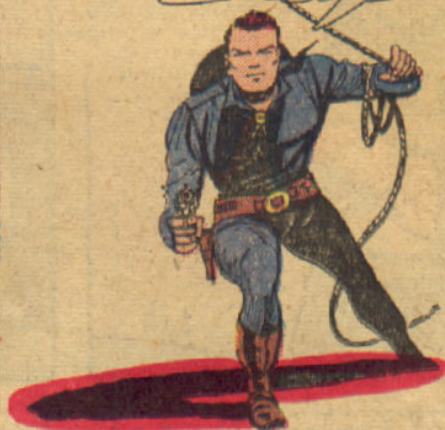






REX FURY!  
THE FEDERAL  
MARSHAL!

I'VE BEEN TRAILING YOU OWLHOOTS  
EVER SINCE YOU PULLED THESE STEERS  
FROM THE T-BAR-X HERD.  
NOW, FAST— THROW YOUR  
GUNS TO THE GROUND!



GOOD WORK, BART—THET'S USIN'  
YORE HEAD! NOW THUH CATTLE'S  
GONNA STAMPEDE! THEY'LL  
TROMPLE RIGHT OVER THET  
PESKY FEDERAL MARSHAL!

BLAM!



SHOOTING WON'T STOP  
THEM... I CAN'T OUT-RUN  
THEM... I HAVE TO THINK  
OF SOMETHING PRONTO!

A SECOND LATER— AND THE FEDERAL MARSHAL  
IS LOST TO SIGHT AS THE MADDENED STEERS  
RUSH THUNDEROUSLY BY—!



FERGIT THUH CRITTERS—  
LET'S MAKE TRACKS!  
CAN'T TELL— MEBBE  
THUH MARSHAL HAD A  
POSSE FOLLOWIN' HIM!

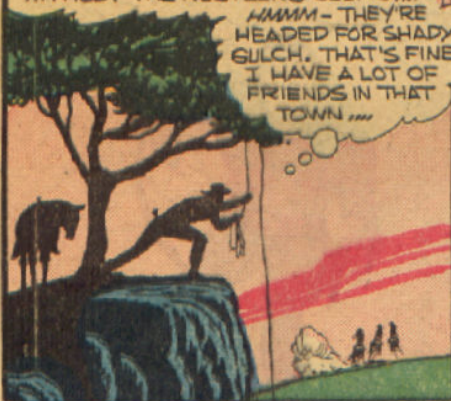
THAR SURE  
AIN'T ANYTHING  
LEFT OF HIM FOR  
THEM TO FOLLOW  
NOW! NEVER SAW  
A MAN CRUSHED  
SO FLAT INTO THUH  
GROUND— NOT  
EVEN ONE BONE WAS  
LEFT STICKIN' UP!



BUT —

WHEW! CLOSE! I SHIMNIED UP THE ROPE JUST IN TIME! THE STEERS RAISED SO MUCH DUST, I WAS ABLE TO PULL THE ROPE UP AFTER ME WITHOUT THE RUSTLERS SEEING...

HMMM — THEY'RE HEADED FOR SHADY GULCH. THAT'S FINE — I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS IN THAT TOWN...



WATER, IN SHADY GULCH —

HI YAH, SAM — LONG TIME NO SEE... SAM, THREE OWLHOOTS JUST RODE INTO TOWN — I'M ON THEIR TRAIL. THEY RODE BY HERE... WHICH WAY DID THEY TURN?

GENERAL STORE



DON'T KNOW WHUT YUH'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, MARSHAL.



SAM! YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW!

I DIDN'T SEE NUTHIN', AND YOU'LL MOVE ON IF YUH WANT TO KEEP BREATHIN' FURY! SHADY GULCH AIN'T GOT NO USE FOR YUH!



THE PUZZLED MARSHAL IS ABOUT TO FORCE A SHOWDOWN —

DANCE, YUH MOTH — EATEN HAIR — CLIPPIN' SCALAWAG — DANCE!

STOP JOKING, SAM! I'M — WHAT'S THAT?!



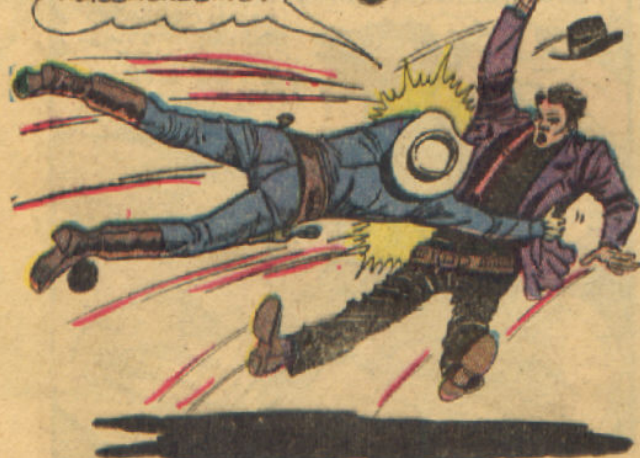
CLEARING LEATHER WITH LIGHTNING SPEED —

OWWWW! WHO DONE THAT? I'LL MASSACREE THUH MAN!



HERE I AM! START MASSACREEING!

OOOOF!



BUT THEN —

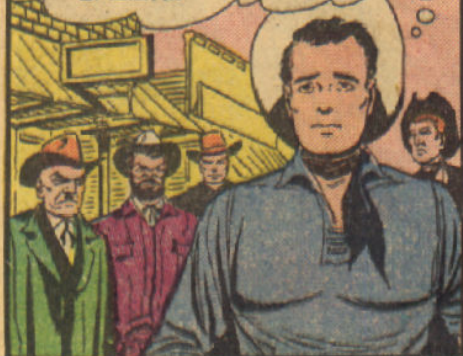
YUH HAD NO RIGHT TO MEDDLE-IN, FURY — WE WERE HAVIN' SOME FUN!

WHAT'S COME OVER THE FOLKS IN THIS TOWN...?

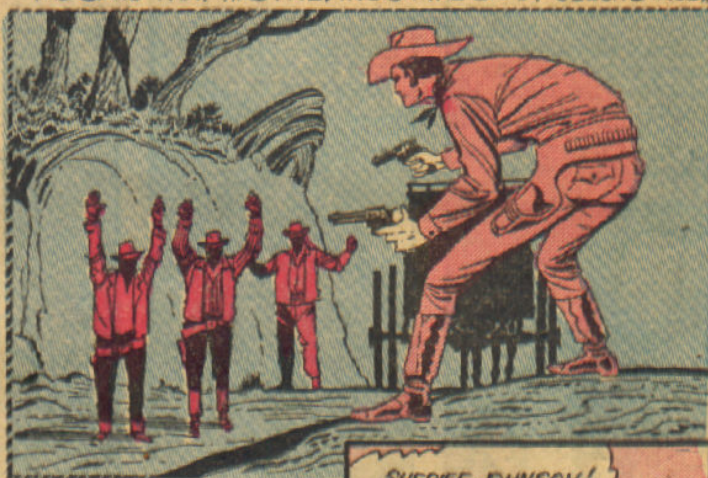




IT ISN'T ONLY SAM AND THE OLD BARBER — *EVERYBODY* HERE SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED AGAINST ME! *WHY?* I'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK AROUND SHADY GULCH — IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT FOLKS COULD FORGET SO EASILY...



"NOT MORE THAN THREE YEARS BACK, I CLEANED UP THE GANG THAT WAS PREYING ON THE SHADY GULCH STAGE."



"AND THEN, JUST EIGHT MONTHS BACK, THERE WERE THE WATER POISONERS..."



"AND THERE WAS THE TIME I SAVED THE SHERIFF'S LIFE WHEN *THE SCAR* HAD KIDNAPPED HIM..."



"SHERIFF JOHNSON! I'LL SPEAK TO HIM!"

SAM! WHERE'S THE SHERIFF?

I DON'T KNOW, FURY. AN' DON'T ASK ME ANY MORE QUESTIONS! I DON'T WANTA HAVE ANYTHIN' TO DO WITH YUH!



So-

I'M PULLING OUT, FOLKS — NO USE HANGING AROUND WHERE I'M NOT WANTED!

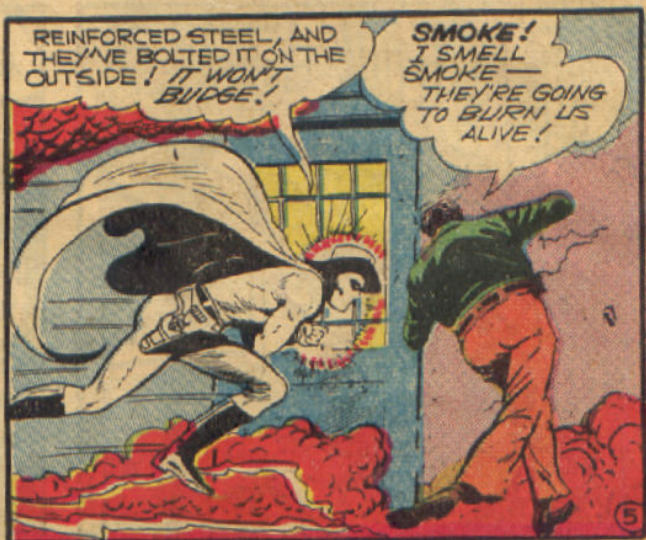
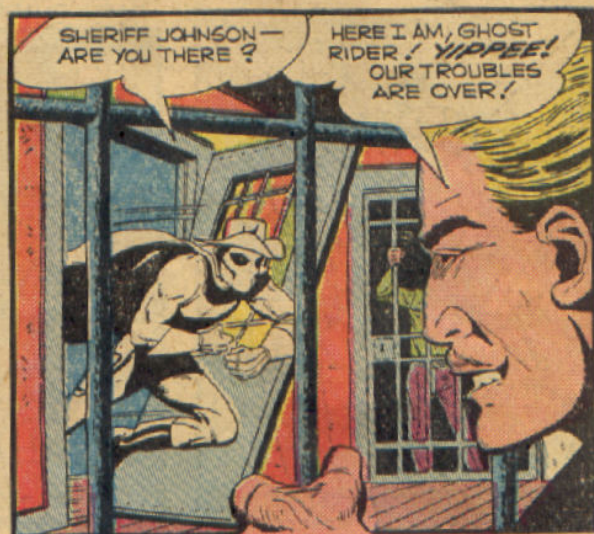
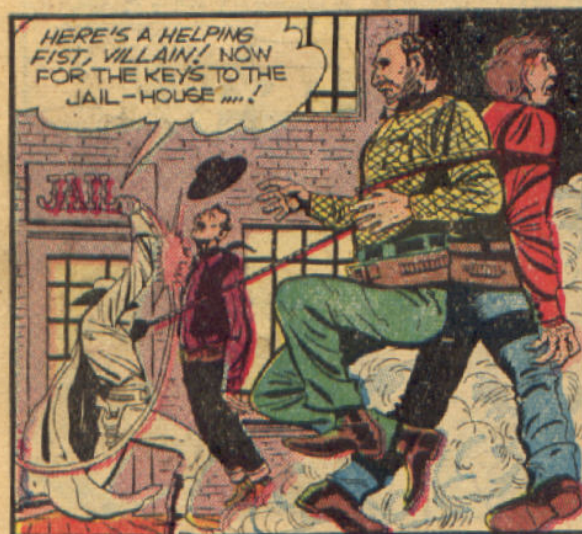


HE'S GONE! NUTHIN' KIN HELP US NOW!

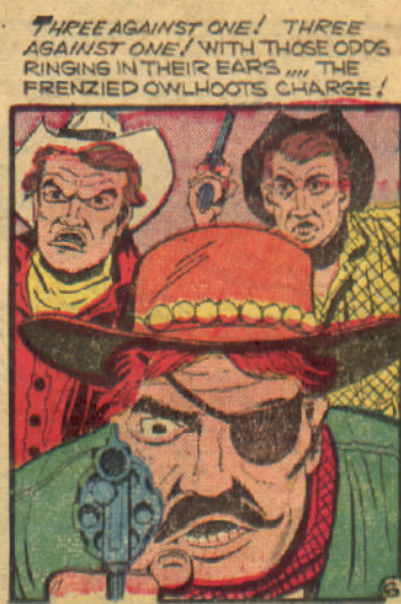
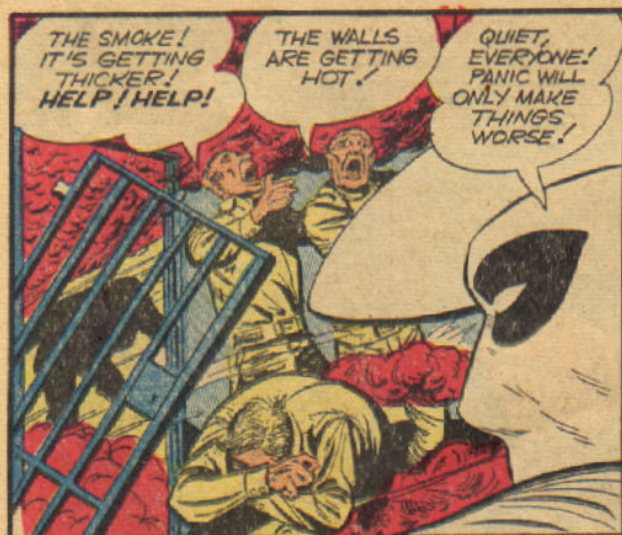
IF ONLY WE COULD'VE SIGNALL'D HIM TO SHOW THAT WE DIDN'T MEAN WHUT WE WERE DOIN'...





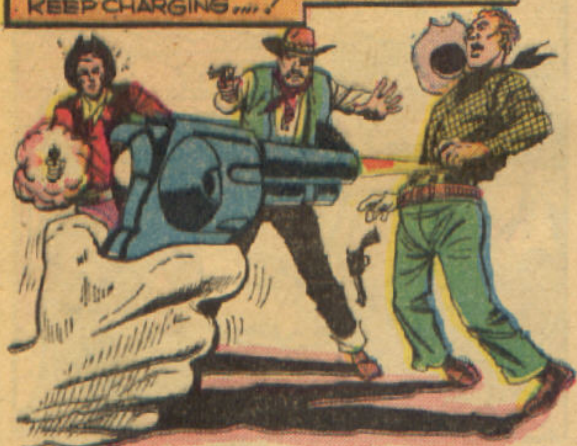




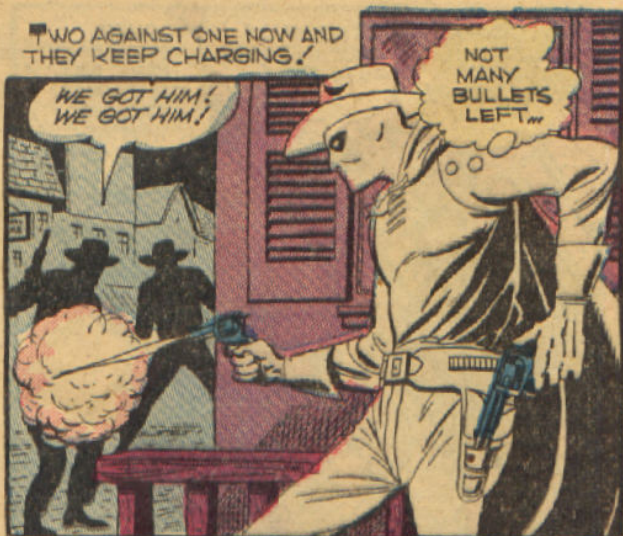




THE GHOST RIDER'S SHOTS ARE FAST AND DEADLY, BUT THREE AGAINST ONE ARE AWESOME ODDS— AND THE OWLHOOTS KEEP CHARGING.



TWO AGAINST ONE NOW AND THEY KEEP CHARGING!



WE GOT HIM!  
WE GOT HIM!

NOT MANY BULLETS LEFT...



NO BULLETS LEFT—  
BUT THE BUTT OF  
MY GUN WILL LEAVE  
ITS MARK!

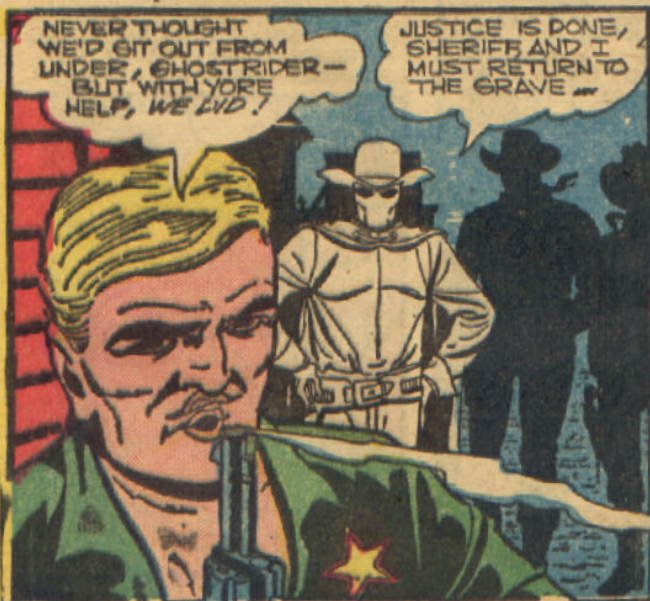
GET CLEAR  
OF HIM!  
—SO I KIN  
SHOOT!

WHAP!



AT THAT  
MOMENT—

AT LAST— THE PEOPLE  
OF SHADY GULCH HAVE  
COME INTO THEIR OWN  
AGAIN!



NEVER THOUGHT  
WE'D GET OUT FROM  
UNDER, GHOST RIDER—  
BUT WITH YORE  
HELP, WE DID!

JUSTICE IS DONE,  
SHERIFF AND I  
MUST RETURN TO  
THE GRAVE...



— LUCKY THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN  
PLANNING A BREAK AND HAD THAT  
TUNNEL UNDER THE JAIL COMPLETED.  
A QUICK EXIT AND A SMOKE BOMB  
WHEN I APPEARED BEHIND THE  
OWLHOOTS— AND THE END OF  
THEIR TYRANNY WAS AT HAND...



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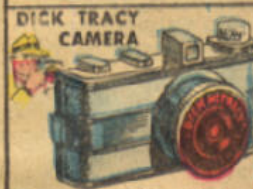
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# the DURANGO KID

FIRST-THE DREADED DROUGHT!  
THEN-A TERRIBLE DISEASE!  
AND FINALLY-GUNSLICK BULLETS  
CAME TO SHATTER THE DREAMS  
OF A MAN AND HIS WOMAN.  
THERE WAS JUST NO END TO  
**"THE TROUBLE IN  
GUN-JUICE VALLEY!"**

SAVE  
HIM, DURANGO!  
I DON'T CARE WHAT  
HE'S DONE - I LOVE  
HIM! SAVE  
HIM!



ART BY FRID  
GUARDINER

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SENT STEVE  
BRAND AND MULEY PIKE TO INVESTIGATE  
THE DROUGHT IN GUN-JUICE VALLEY...

DAW-GONE, STEVE- FOUR  
DAYS ON THIS MOUNTAIN WITH  
JEST YOU AN' THUH BIRDS/HOW  
WE GOIN' TUH FIND OUT  
ANYTHIN' FROM HYAR?

I'M TRYING  
TO SIZE UP  
THE  
SITUATION  
FIRST, MULEY.



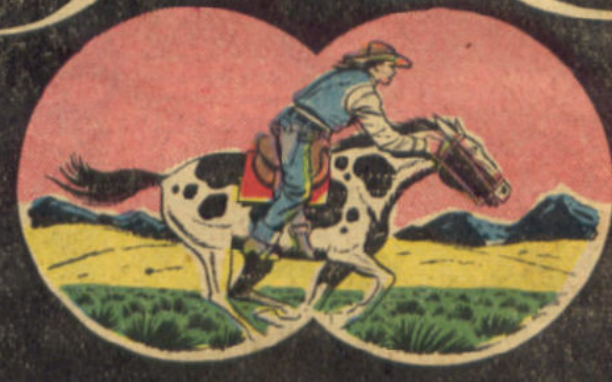
AFTER ALL, IT'S **YOU**  
WHO'S ALWAYS COMPLAINING  
THAT I MIDDLE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S  
BUSINESS TOO MUCH! WE'VE  
LEARNED A LOT ABOUT GUN-  
JUICE VALLEY FROM UP  
HERE, PARDNER.

WE SHORE  
HAVE!  
LOOKEE -  
HYAR  
COMES YOUNG  
SHERIFF JERRY  
M'GUIRE...



...HE'S A-RIDIN'  
TUH SEE HIS  
SWEETHEART, MELODY  
SHANE. BUT HE AIN'T  
SINGIN' TODAY,  
STEVE!

I GUESS THE DROUGHT'S GOT  
HIM TROUBLED. THE RANCHERS ARE  
GOING DEEPER INTO DEBT TO BIG  
JACK, THE TOWN BANKER. THAT  
HOMBRE'S GETTING ENTIRELY TOO  
MUCH POWER!





HEY! SHIFT  
YORE GLASSES UP  
TUH THET DRAW-  
THAR'S BIG JACK  
NOW!

I SEE HIM. THAT'S  
MIGHTY STRANGE WORK FOR  
A RICH BANKER TO BE DOING.  
WHAT'S HIS GAME. I  
WONDER?

HYAR COMES MELODY  
SHANE AN' HER KID  
BROTHER HARRY-AN'  
THEY BOTH LOOK  
**MAD!**

GUESS **THEY'RE**  
WONDERING WHAT BIG  
JACK'S UP TO, TOO! LET'S  
SEE WHAT HAPPENS...



THIS IS STILL **OUR**  
PROPERTY, BIG JACK-AND  
YOU'RE TRESPASSING!  
**GET OFF!**

WHUT THE...?  
**YOUR PROPERTY-  
HAW-HAW!**

YOU HEARD MY SISTER, HOMBRE!  
YOU DON'T OWN THIS RANCH **YET!**  
WE'LL CLEAR THAT MORTGAGE AS  
SOON AS WE SELL SOME CATTLE!  
**NOW GET OFF OR I'LL  
BLAST YOU OFF!**

OH, HARRY-  
NOT WITH  
**GUNS!**  
YOU'RE SO  
HOT-HEADED!



BETTER WAIT  
TILL YUH GROW UP  
AFERE YUH START  
GRABBIN' IRON,  
KID!

GOOD WORK, RUBE! ONCE  
I GET MY GUN OUT, THAT KID  
JUST WON'T **DO** ANY MORE  
GROWING UP!

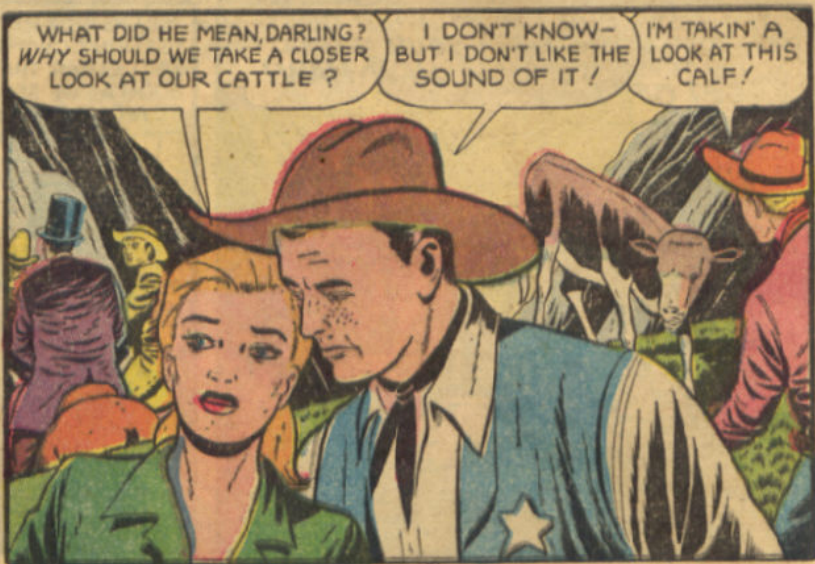
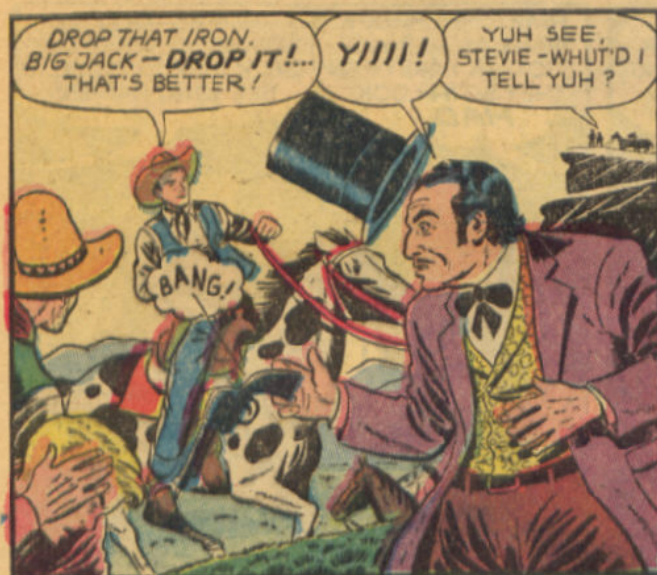
**HARRY!  
HARRY!  
(SOB!)**

I'VE GOT  
TO GET  
DOWN THERE  
AND HELP!

WAIT A MINUTE! WAIT A  
MINUTE! YUH'RE ALWAYS  
STICKIN' YORE FOOT IN!  
HYAR COMES THUH SHERIFF-  
AN' THET MEQUIRE'S ONE  
HOMBRE WHUT KIN HANDLE  
HIS OWN BIZNESS!









YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IF YOU SELL DISEASED BEEF OUT OF THIS VALLEY, IT'LL SPREAD TO EVERY HERD IN THE COUNTRY! I'M ORDERING A **QUARANTINE** UNTIL THIS IS CLEARED UP!



YUH CAIN'T DO THET, SHERIFF- IT'LL **RUIN** US ALL!

THAT'S PLAYING RIGHT INTO BIG JACK'S HANDS, JERRY- HE'LL TAKE OVER EVERY RANCHIN THE VALLEY UNLESS WE SELL BEEF!

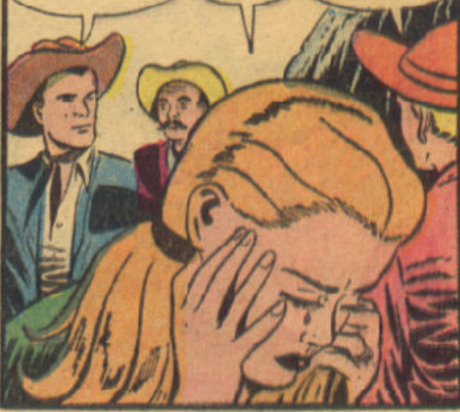
RECKON IT HURTS ME AS MUCH AS YOU...



BUT THAT'S WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO! I'M SHERIFF AN' THAT'S MY DUTY! STARTING THIS MINUTE - NOBODY SELLS BEEF!

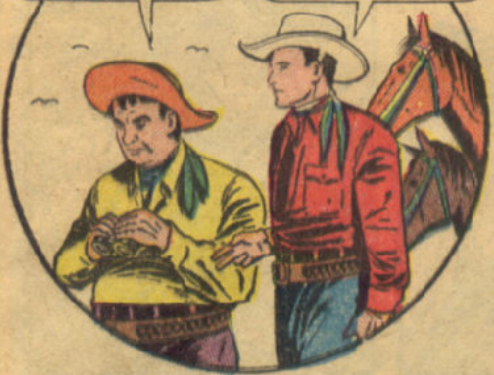
(SOB!)

YOU'VE TURNED AG'IN' YOUR OWN FRIENDS, JERRY!



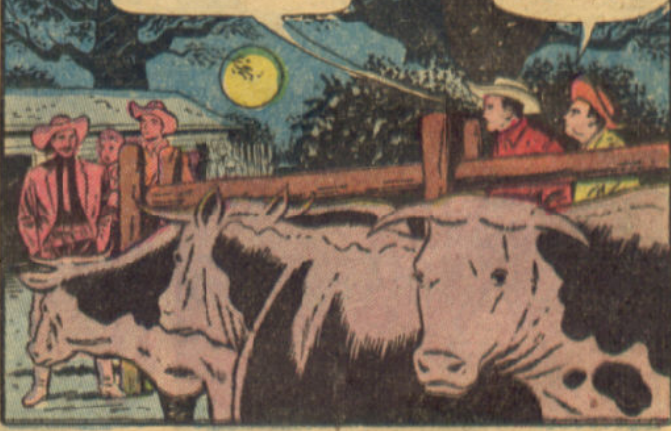
**AND HIGH ON THE HILL...** IT SURE DOES! BUT I GUESS WAL, IT SHORE DON'T TAKE NO LIP-READER TUH KNOW WHUT HAPPENED DOWN THAR! LOOKS **BAD**, PARDNER!

I'D DO THE SAME THING IF I WERE IN MEGUIRE'S SHOES. LET'S MOVE DOWN INTO THE VALLEY, MULEY...



**THAT NIGHT!** I THOUGHT SO! MELODY AND HER BROTHER ARE TRYING TO BREAK QUARANTINE - THEY'RE TRYING TO SELL SOME CATTLE TO THAT BUYER!

GOLLY! RECKON WE OUGHTA SORTA DO SOMETHIN' 'BOUT THET?



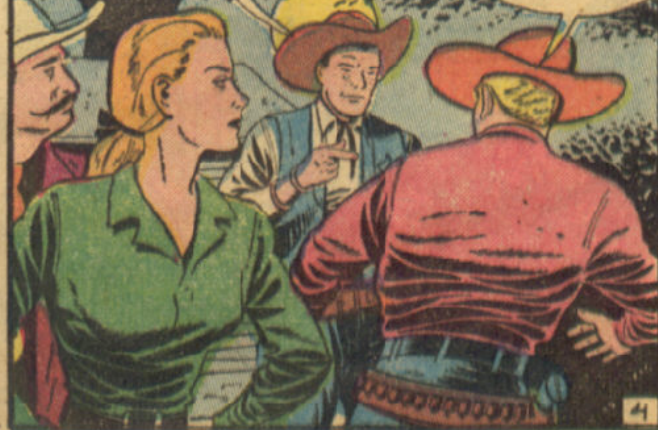
DON'T RECKON THAT'LL BE NECESSARY, MULEY - HERE COMES MEGUIRE!

THET YOUNG SHERIFF SHORE DOES MANAGE TUH GIT AROUND TUH THUH RIGHT PLACES AT THE RIGHT TIMES!



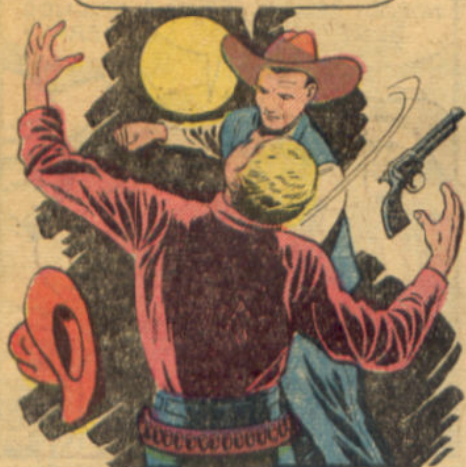
SHOVE OFF, MISTER - THIS CATTLE AIN'T FOR SALE! I HATE TO DO THIS, HARRY - BUT YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR DISOBEYING MY ORDERS!

IS THAT SO? COME AN' GIT ME, NAPOLEON!

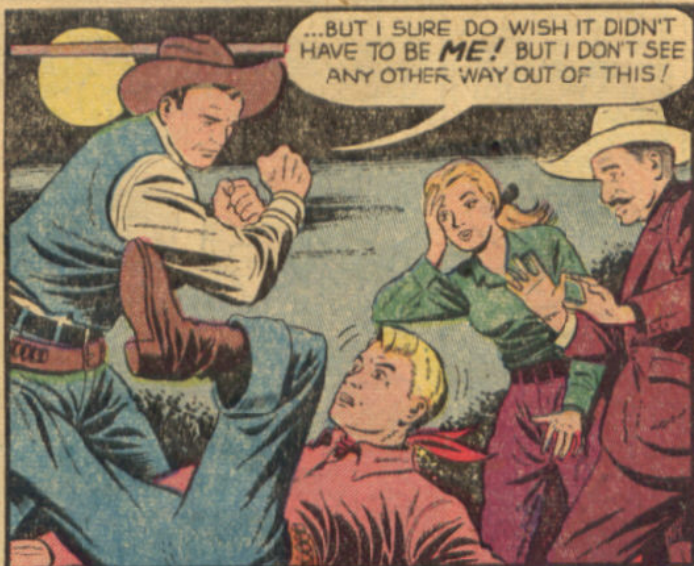




OKAY, HARRY—I WILL! SOMEBODY'S GOT TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THAT HOT HEAD OF YOURS...!



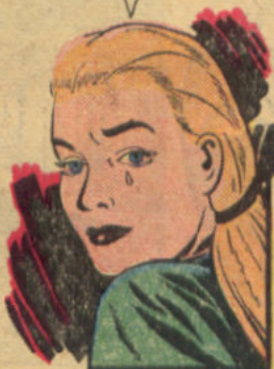
...BUT I SURE DO WISH IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE ME! BUT I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY OUT OF THIS!



YOU CAN TAKE BACK YOUR ENGAGEMENT RING, MISTER SHERIFF! IT'S ALL OVER BETWEEN US! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU WERE ACTUALLY BEING PAID OFF BY BIG JACK...!



YOU'RE RUINING OUR ONLY CHANCE OF SAVING OUR RANCH— BUT I'LL FIGHT YOU EVERY INCH OF THE WAY!



THEN I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY IT'LL HAVE TO BE, I'M SORRY, MELODY— BUT THE LAW IS THE LAW AN' I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO. GOODBYE...



**NEWS TRAVELS FAST IN GUN-JUICE VALLEY!**

THUH SHERIFF'S ARRESTED HARRY SHANE FER BREAKIN' QUARANTINE! WE'LL GO GIT HARRY OUT!

RIGHT! WE GOTTA PUT UP A FIGHT TO SAVE OUR RANCHES! BREAK DOWN THET JAIL!

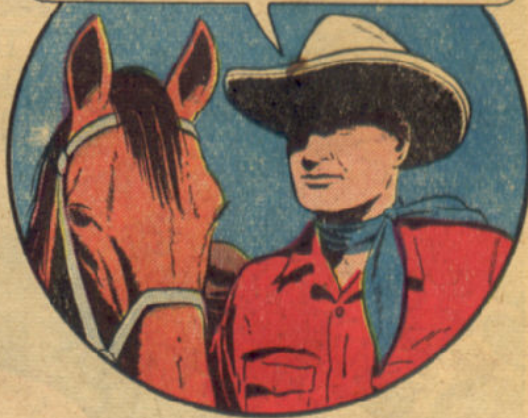
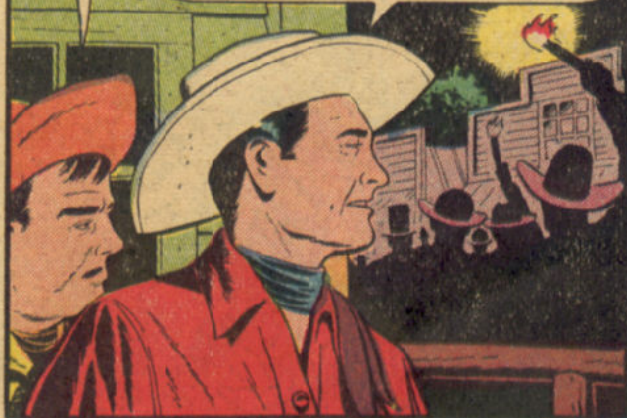




WAL, STEVIE-  
WHOSE SIDE  
ARE **WE**  
ON?

YOU CAN'T BLAME THE RANCHERS  
FOR TRYING TO SAVE THEIR RANCHES  
FROM BIG JACK. BUT A SHERIFF'S  
GOT TO DO HIS DUTY AS HE SEES IT!  
WE'VE GOT TO DO **SOMETHING!**

KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, MULEY... I RECKON  
M'GUIRE CAN HANDLE HIMSELF FOR A LITTLE  
WHILE YET. I JUST SAW A COUPLE OF BIG JACK'S  
GUNRIDERS MOVING OUT FAST... I'M GOING TO  
FOLLOW THEM - AS **THE DURANGO KID!**

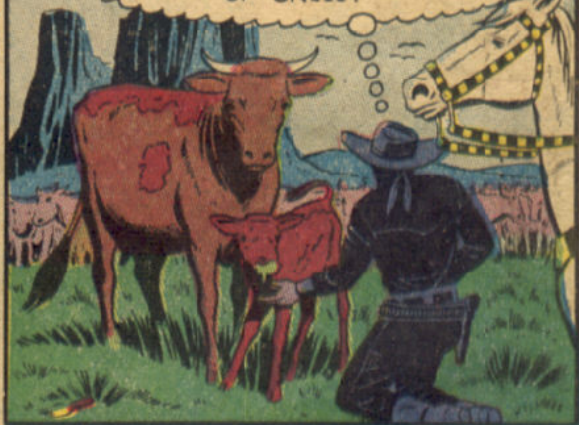


**A** QUICK CHANGE AT A NEARBY HIDEOUT AND...

THOSE ARE BIG JACK'S MEN,  
ALL RIGHT - BUT I DON'T GET IT.  
THEY ROPED A CALF, DID SOMETHING  
TO IT, AND NOW THEY'RE RIDING  
AWAY! MAYBE IF I TAKE  
A LOOK...



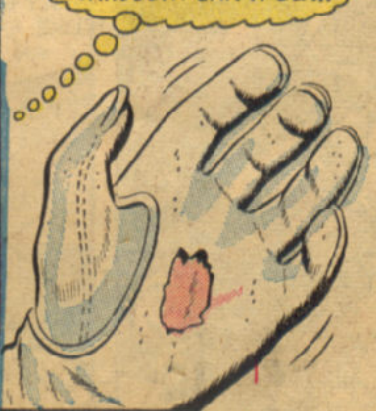
MOUTH'S BURNED AND FROTHY - IT'S  
HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE ALL RIGHT.  
BUT - WHAT WERE BIG JACK'S MEN DOING  
WITH THIS CALF? JUST CHECKING  
UP - OR...?



- OR - OR WHAT? HEY -  
WHAT'S THIS? A PAINT BRUSH!  
NOW WHAT COULD THEY BE DOING  
WITH - A PAINT BRUSH?



THERE'S SOMETHING ON THIS  
BRUSH! BUT NOT **PAINT**. I JUST  
TOUCHED MY HAND TO IT AND  
MY HAND'S BURNING! IT ATE  
THE LEATHER GLOVE RIGHT  
THROUGH! CAN IT BE...



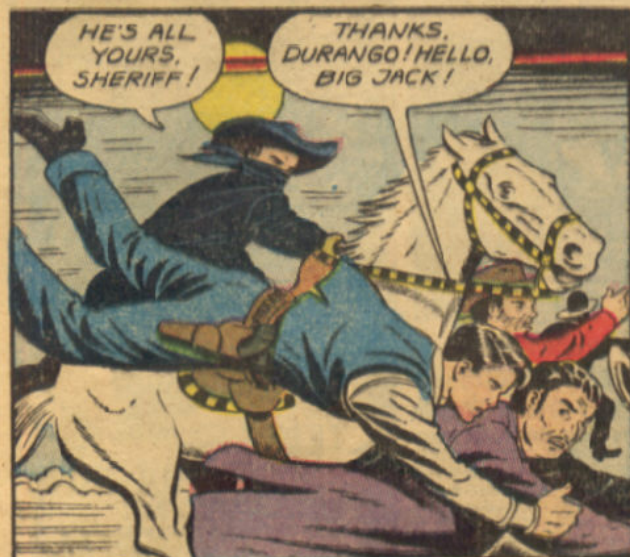
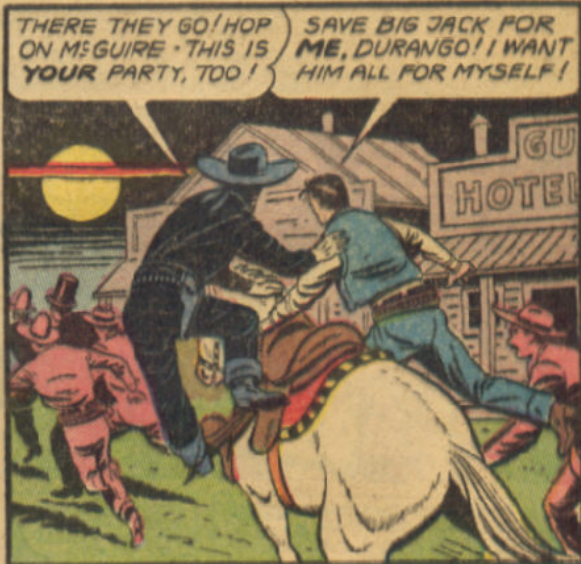
- CAN IT BE ACID? **ACID!**  
**THAT'S IT!** THAT SOLVES  
EVERYTHING! WHY THOSE DIRTY,  
CROOKED, BLACK-HEARTED  
RANNIHANS! LET'S GO,  
RAIDER!













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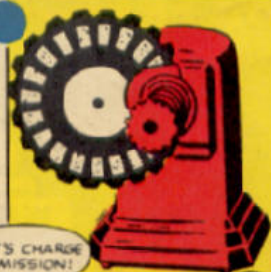
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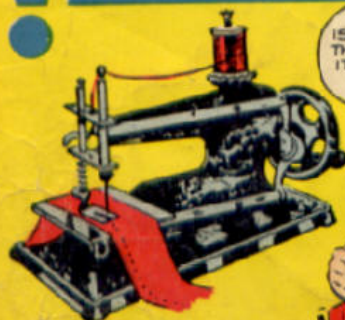
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